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UNIDENTIFIED MALE: ICANN 63 Fellowship Meet & Greet on the 20th of October 2018 from 8:45 to 10:15 in room 127-128.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Everybody, please take your seats. Please take your seats wherever you want. Thank you very much. Yes. All fellows take the front seats. It's all for you. Good morning, everyone. Good morning, everyone!

PARTICIPANTS: Good morning!

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Super. I like this way. Welcome to ICANN. All those who are for the first time and for whom this ICANN is the first ICANN meeting, welcome on board. I'm really happy to see all of you here. I'm also happy to see my alums coming back. Those who had been once, at least once, already a fellow. And we have motto here. I hope that you will join to that motto that once a fellow, always a fellow. So, this is what we are going with.

So, welcome to fellowship family. This is a unique family within ICANN multi-stakeholder model and we'll give you some pins which will say that you are ICANN fellow and this will give you the path to be open by

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everyone and ask any questions you like. So, feel free to talk to each other, to alumni, to your coaches.

I would like to go through first a bit of introduction who is here, and then by the end of this meeting, I will go through what we are going to have during the whole week, so you have full picture what is expected from all of us and what at the end we will get out of this one week ICANN meeting.

The first thing I want you to just understand, we shouldn't be late for the sessions we are starting on time because right before us there is a session and right after us there is a session, so we need to come in and go out on time. We need to respect our presenters. And with that, please, please make sure you have time to have your breakfast in the hotel and then be here on time. You are just next to this venue, so it's not hard to be here in five minutes, but you need to wake up. You need to get ready for the sessions. So, please make it happen every single morning. This is the week for you to learn. At the same time, to enjoy, to have fun. But, this is the whole learning process for the fellowship program, which at the end, I hope that you will find it very useful to go into the ICANN community as a part of the program.

So, with that, we have mics over here. We don't have translation for this session, but if you don't feel comfortable to speak in English, speak in your native language – Spanish or French, not in Armenian, as I can do which no one can understand. Not in that much native. So, please, I hope that we'll have people here who can help us to understand. But during the entire week, we will be having translations in three

languages, English, French, and Spanish. So, I hope those who will need those services can use them.

To start with, I want to introduce several people who came here early in the morning, to welcome you. Our Global Stakeholder Engagement team members from the regions, people in ICANN who are your first key regional contacts. So, I welcome you guys here and would like to give the floor first to you to introduce.

JIA-RONG LOW:

Thank you. Good morning, everyone. My name is Jia-Rong. I'm the Vice President for Stakeholder Engagement in Asia. So, if you are from the Asia region, we look after you. My colleague here, Dilpreet, she's based in Singapore. I also have another colleague who is here in Barcelona, Samiran. We will find the time to reach out to you and sit down and spend a little bit more time with you to network with the Asia fellows. Samiran is just here, so Samiran give a big wave, everybody, so that you know.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Samiran, welcome.

JIA-RONG LOW:

So, a big welcome to all the fellows. If you have any questions, especially if you're from the Asia region, please reach out to us and we'll also reach out to you to join a number of events within the region. Here, at ICANN meeting, this time we have an [APAC space] session that's

going to be on Monday at noon. So, for the fellows, if you can, please do join us and get to know the APAC community. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Excellent. Before going to Baher, Dilpreet, just a couple of ... I want people to know you as well.

DILPREET KAUR: Yes. Thank you. Hi, everyone. Good morning. My name is Dilpreet. You can call me Dill, like the [inaudible]. I am the programs manager for the Asia-Pacific office, so I work with Jia-Rong. I think the reason why Siranush has given me the mic to say a few words is I am also handling the Asia-Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA). That's a program for young professionals, graduates, post-graduate students, undergraduates who are interested in Internet governance from Asia-Pacific. So, it's an Asia-Pacific program. It's run annually. Once the application is open for next year, I will be happy to share more information. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you. With that, I also want to give the floor to Save from Oceania.

SAVENACA VOCEA: Bolivinaka. That's hello in Fijian, but hola is similar here in Barcelona. My name is Save Vocea. I am originally from Fiji. I am one of the "P" in Asia-Pacific, so the Pacific, but the Pacific is now including Australia and New Zealand, so my region is really called Oceania. That's why 27

country code top-level domain registries in the region. That's all 22 countries from the Pacific and the rest are territories from Australia, New Zealand.

I am really glad to see that there will be five fellows from the Oceania region. Four of them are returning and one is completely new from Fiji. So, looking forward to meeting them again. I know all of them personally, so for the others that want to get to know the Pacific, also reach out to them and make them welcome to this meeting. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Save. Baher, please?

BAHER ESMAT: Thank you. Good morning. My name is Baher Esmat. I come from Egypt. I'm based in Cairo. I'm part of the Global Stakeholder Engagement at ICANN covering the Middle East. Welcome to ICANN 63.

Of course, we're here all week. We'll be happy to talk to you. I'm sure we'll get the opportunity to see you again, whether in sessions or in the corridors. Feel free to reach out to me and Fahd. You will get to hear from Fahd as well, my colleague. During this week, we're going to have two sessions concerning the Middle East region. One is the Middle East space and this is going to be on Monday, 10:30 AM. Then we're going to have another session on Thursday about the Middle East regional strategy, so we look forward to seeing at least those who come from the Middle East to join us in this session. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Baher. Fahd, please?

FAHD BATAYNEH: Good morning, everyone. My name is Fahd and I work for the Global Stakeholder Engagement in the Middle East working with Baher. I look forward to talking to many of you, especially the new ones. I know a good number of you, actually. We've interacted in the past. Actually, I was a fellow as well. I went through this program in June 2008 in Paris. I got into Internet governance and subsequently I joined ICANN as staff. So, it should be a promising journey, if you are really interested in continuing this journey. You will learn a lot. You will get to know many interesting people and you will stop taking the Internet for granted if you're actually taking the Internet for granted when using it. I wish you all the best of luck during this whole week. It's going to be a tiring week, but it should be rewarding. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Fahd. Samiran, please?

SAMIRAN GUPTA: Thank you, Siranush, and good morning, everyone. I'm Samiran Gupta. I'm the head for India. If you've been to India, it's a very large country. That's what I cover. I work very closely with my colleagues, Dilpreet and Jia-Rong in the room and also other colleagues in the region. I wish you all the best for this fellowship, particularly those who are here for the

first time. Those who are here, who are repeating, I'm sure you know what to expect and I'm available to catch up anytime during the next five days. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Samiran. We'll have our other regional Global Stakeholder Engagement team members coming, so by the time they are coming in, I will let them introduce themselves, so those who haven't seen people from their own region, you will have a chance to meet them during the entire week.

Also, I would like to introduce the guy next to me here. He's from our communications team. You will see this person coming and asking for some interviews from you, Brad White, one of my favorite people in ICANN. Welcome to our session.

BRAD WHITE: For her to say that, that cost me \$40 right there, US. That doesn't come cheaply, so I hope you appreciate it.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: That's my work. Thank you. I am Siranush. I hope that you enjoyed my e-mails coming during the last three months from the time I announced about your being selected as a fellow. So, a bit introduction of myself. I was a fellow. I started in ICANN as a fellow back in 2007. I was a part of the ICANN fellowship program of the third fellowship in a row for ICANN

29. No, 29 was the first one. I was in 31. So, Fahd was 29? 32, okay. We are the older fellows here, but as I said, once a fellow, always a fellow.

So, I will talk about my involvement in ICANN more during tomorrow's newcomers day where you will have a chance to meet all our community members and learn about the ICANN multi-stakeholder model. I would like to go through the agenda now during the introduction and then give you the floor to introduce yourselves. And during these introductions, if you have any unclear questions, I would welcome them. So, I want you to be clear what should be done during the entire week, so you feel comfortable in ICANN. As I said, this is a family. This is a big family. In this ICANN 63, we currently have more than 2,500 people registered and they are still coming. Thank you, guys. Thank you for being here.

Let's go with a couple of housekeeping. You have this in your e-mail boxes. I have sent this before. But, one more time. Please take time to take your breakfast in the hotel. There is no breakfast here in the venue. There will be coffee breaks here and some of our sessions, I will note you specifically when, we will have lunches only for fellows. So, it's not a lunch to invite someone. This is specifically for fellows because we want you to be full here and to be full here. So, if the person is not full here, it's hard to be working properly.

So, during the week, we'll have a lot of social events. All of the evenings, you will be kept by some alumni trying to take you everywhere, trying to make you feel better, trying to feel not only better by meeting people, but also drinking something nice. But that doesn't mean that ... Early

in the morning, we want to see you here fresh, smiling, and not drunken. So, there is no excuse that you are hanging around with these alumni all the night. You should be here for your session in the morning.

By the way, we used to have fellowship morning sessions when I was a fellow starting at 7:00, so at 6:30, we had to be there. Can you imagine we went to sleep about 4:00 and then wake up about 5:00, and 6:00 we should be here, fresh and with a smile. So, you are lucky because our fellowship sessions, daily sessions, will be during lunchtime. But that doesn't mean that you should come during lunchtime. That means that early in the morning there are a lot of other sessions which you are assigned to go.

We usually don't use any laptops, any phones during our sessions because we want to see your eyes. We want this eye contact with a lot of you. We all went through this. If we are in our computers, someone is Skyping, I can see the face smiling typing something in the Skype as if I am listening, but no. So, please, don't use your laptops. I will give you lovely things. They are called notebooks. They are ICANN fellows. This is something special which will be given to you and something nice which is called a pen, so you will have everything to write down because there will be a lot I will be asking you today to write down during the entire week. So, you have the place and you have something to write with.

So, as I said, we'll have lunch during the entire week, so from Monday until Thursday, we will have lunch provided for you prior to our daily sessions. As you have noted, in my agenda, we have 30 minutes lunch

before the actual sessions start, which means the previous session will end at 12:00 and the lunch will be served at 12:00 right after that session and we have strict 30 minutes to have lunch. So, it means you should be there on time to have your lunch, otherwise someone will take your lunch, and I don't want you to stay without lunch. So, please, be on time for your lunch. This is for you.

Your nametag with ICANN fellow on it can help you to get to your lunches. That's why I was asking you please register as a fellow. But, if you are not, don't feel frustrated because I will learn your faces. I will know who is a fellow. So, you will have your lunch. Just be on time.

Today we have a very important lunch session. This is non-official lunch gathering, but our ICANN board members requested to meet with you in a private lunch, so it will be lunch with ICANN board members and all of you. So, please, 12:15 – I will go through that in the agenda – be in VIP room which is one floor up. I hope that you will have a chance to look at the venue and find out the rooms before this lunch. So, please be there and please feel comfortable to talk our board members. They are there to talk to you, to answer your questions. So, feel comfortable to ask questions.

As we always say, the fellowship gives us the free path to ask whatever we want. There is no dumb questions in the fellowship program. Never. So, whatever you feel comfortable. If you don't know, if you don't ask, you will [not] know in future as well. So, please ask. If we don't know what you don't know, we can't help you with. So, please ask us. We are

here to help in your learning process. So, if you don't come up to us, we don't know what you need. So, let us help you.

All our coaches, all our alumni, are here to help you. Anyone in ICANN community is here to help you. So, please, ask. Stop someone, starting from ICANN CEO. If you see him in the corridor, stop him and ask your question if you want to learn something. This is the place for you to learn, so feel comfortable with that.

I will not go to ICANN multi-stakeholder community chart because tomorrow we have the full newcomers day and I am expecting you'll be there the entire day, which is mandatory for all those for whom ICANN fellowship is for the first time and there are 23 of you who are first time here as a fellow and we have 18 alumni here. Unfortunately, four of us couldn't make, so we initially should be 45 fellows, but now we are 41 because four fellows couldn't make it due to visa issues.

I would like to highlight the luckiest mentor who lost all his three mentees during this process, Adetola. He's the luckiest guy in the world. So, he's the person who has no mentees here in place, so ask him. Use him. He will take the time to answer. Yes, of course you are. Thank you. Thank you, Adetola. And thank you for your hard work, actually, during this coaching process. But, yes, we can help.

So, all those links in this PowerPoint which I have sent you, they are all active. Did you find this when I sent it to you? Good. So, this is for you to keep, and whenever you need to go back and find out more about them, just go these links and find out. Learn more.

So, with that, today you are all here and I hope that next time you will be all on time. After this session, I will separate meetings with the coaches and then there are a couple of sessions I highlighted. So there is a very important session today, Internet DNS abuse, networking, and root server operations. These are for those who are new to this topic, so please participate and learn more. Again, at 12:15 we have a joint meeting with ICANN board and fellows. This is a lunch in the VIP room, so please be there.

Today this is our traditional fellowship social networking event. We usually invite ICANN community members, chairs, ICANN board members, ICANN CEO, so whoever can come and introduce and talk to you and learn about you. This is the chance for you also to network with each other. Please, use this opportunity to interact, to introduce yourselves. I hope you will keep your business cards with you here in the batch, not to go and find out in your bag for a couple of minutes. So, you have ready your business cards and ask for business cards from other people you are talking so you have the contact at the end, so it will help you later to be connected back.

So, use this opportunity for evening social events, to lean about each other as well because this is fellowship bond. I remember someone asked me, “What is fellowship bond? This is our family.” This is the bond we internally call [inaudible], but this is our fellowship bond.

Today at 6:30, we will be in banquet hall with all of you drinking. There will be a lot of free drinks, free food. But this is all for us to enjoy.

As I said, tomorrow we have newcomers. They're starting at 10:30, but as I mentioned in my slide deck, it's not starting at 10:30 for you. It starts earlier because there are other community sessions and there is a place where you should go to the ICANN schedule and find your place. Find the sessions where you want to go. I hope you had time to work before coming here with your coaches to find out the sessions you are interested to go. This is the place that you should find out more. Try to learn as much as possible, but ICANN meetings the entire week is overwhelming.

So, there will be a lot of information. Do not try to learn everything. It's impossible. Every single ICANN there is something new to learn. We are here for several times, but we are still learning. This is actually my 28th or 29th ICANN meeting, but every single time I am learning something new. So, please, don't overwhelm yourselves. The first and important thing, be open for learning, but have fun as well at the same time. Enjoy this process.

So, all the newcomers, all the first-time fellows should come to that newcomers' day. Please be there on time. There will be no lunch served on Sunday, so remember, there will be no lunch, so you need to find something to eat during that one-hour break, so please.

But one of the tips for the fellows we have, if there is any free lunch, free food, help yourselves. If someone kicks you out, don't feel uncomfortable. Go to another one.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Siranush has been kicked out of some of the finest lunches at ICANN.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: So, I will not go through the whole agenda from Monday to Thursday, but I will highlight a couple of sessions. On Monday, there is an important joint NCUC and At-Large outreach session. NCUC, who can tell me what it means?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Non-Commercial Users Constituency.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Excellent. Super. I like the first-timer, newcomer. You took the course, online course. Great. What we usually ask for, not to use acronyms because ICANN is a world of acronyms, unfortunately. But, please, if you speak to someone and the person is saying, “Okay, this EPDP process in GNSO, etc.” Ask the person to clarify what does it mean. Don’t feel ashamed because we have internal rule here for ourselves. No abbreviations with the fellows. So, ask. And don’t feel uncomfortable by asking that. Yes, Michael? You have the mic, actually, in front of you.

MICHAEL: Okay. So, what is ISPCP?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Great. That means if you go here, GNSO, part of GNSO. Can you find me the ISPCP? Yeah, but you have it in your e-mail. So, please go there and

find out more. This is Service Providers Constituency, but it has a long name. I have it here. So, Internet Service Providers and Connectivity Providers Constituency. It's very long, but you can go to their session and find out more what they are doing. This is a good question. Please, these slides are for you to help with. Go back all the time.

So, we have this outreach session. Those who are interested in non-commercial stakeholder team and At-Large, the community which is end users, please go there.

At this time, there is also the outreach session for business intellectual property group members. I sent it to some of alumni to go there. Feel free to go there. This is something which you would like to learn. At least this is the chance to learn about these two communities here, the big communities who are dealing with civil society and end users. You will find out the differences between these two. And even if you are from business sector or government sector, please go there. This will help you to learn about them. And if you feel that it's not yours, you don't need to be part of this, but at least you will know that they exist, how they can help you, how you can be helpful and then go to your own interest session.

So, this day, our fellowship daily session, the lunch will be integrated into this joint NCUC At-Large. so, we'll be having this lunch together with all the participants who will be in this outreach session, so don't get confused that there will be a lot of other people, but please don't miss your lunch, again. But, after that specific session, we have our daily session which is mandatory for everyone because we are going through

the ... This is the policy development process presentation which is one of the key aspects here in ICANN. So, this is the place where we will ask our staff to show how the policy works in ICANN. So, this is the way for you to interact face-to-face with the people who are key in this policy development process. So, this is ... Even those who are alumni who had been last time, at this session, this is all the time it's very important for you to refresh your memory, so please come. Then a couple of things there.

Monday evening there is a nice social event outside of this venue as well. There is a GEMs party who can ... Martin, what is GEMs? Multi-stakeholder [inaudible]. That I know. Yeah. Global Engagement Multi-stakeholder [inaudible] something. So, go and enjoy. This will be outside, but I'm sure you will find the information about GEMs party. Yes, this is lovely party where ICANN community members actually run it. They play different musical instruments. This is like some karaoke. Everybody loves to be on the stage. After first beer, everybody goes to the stage and takes the mic and say, "Hey, if you even don't know how to sing, you start singing there." So, go and enjoy that evening.

Another important meeting on Tuesday. There is an ICANN Wiki Edit-A-Thon. Those who would like to learn more about ICANN Wiki, this is the place where many of those who had been in ICANN have their caricature – I don't know if someone has it with you, but there is an ICANN Wiki booth, so please, make sure, go there and learn more about them.

There is also, during the entire day, Tuesday is a Constituency Day, so every single constituency community in ICANN is holding their own

sessions. So, if you are country code in your region, so you can go the entire day to country code sessions, community sessions. So, if you are government, you go there.

By the way, for those who are from government, on Monday, once in two years are holding high-level governmental meetings. So, for this time, it will be on Monday. There are 235 participant delegation members came from 99 countries. So, there will be a huge, huge number of people tomorrow – no, the day after tomorrow, on Monday. So, make sure ... There will be a limit of the space to go to their sessions, but make sure to learn about this process. So, those who are from governments, go there. You may even stand there because there will be limitation of space, but make sure you are there.

Yes, 11:30. This is the time for us to smile for the photo, for the group photo, and every single ICANN 63 fellow should be there. All 41 should be there and you will see alumni joining, but the first picture should be only ICANN 63 fellows and coaches. So, please be on time because the guys who are taking the photo, they will go very soon. So, when it says at 11:30 to 12:00, it doesn't mean that until 12:00 we will make photos. No. We will start at 11:30 and we may finish by 11:35, done. So, please be there at 11:30. I will be notifying you about the location where we are going to meet. I didn't find out yet where is the main [banner] space [inaudible]. Is there a special space for photo picturing?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: No.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Okay, so we will let you know.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: They're going to be floating around here.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Excellent. We'll be letting [inaudible]. I will make sure you know where to come at 11:00. Then we have our daily session. For that day, actually, we have Sally Costerton, the senior advisor to ICANN President who was interested to meet with you. She is leading the Global Stakeholder Engagement team and Public Responsibility team where the fellowship is a part of. This is the program of public responsibility team.

Then we'll have our European Regional Stakeholder Engagement team talking to you about what is important in global stakeholder engagement outreach processes, engagement process. So, what are the priorities in their strategy? This will help you also to understand what is important in your own country and you will try to take those questions back to your representative, to your country.

With that, I would like to introduce one more person from eastern Europe, our Global Stakeholder Engagement team, just two words. Welcome.

ALEXANDRA KULIKOVA: Welcome. Good morning. I hope everyone is awake, but I know you start early in this group. Just a really warm welcome and wishes to spend this week with an open mind, hopefully open eyes. It's not as easy at 8:00 in the morning, but I'm sure you will be different people when you leave this conference center at the end of the week.

Take this opportunity not only to take in all this massive information [that will flow] in every session and it will be really diverse from different walks of DNS life, let's say, of Internet life, but especially those who are new here, please take this time to meet each other in this room, beyond this room, meet people. This is key. If you can't get something because you fell asleep or you're tired or your mind wandered off, your best next thing is somebody who is actually an expert in this, who can explain it, and even better if this person comes from your region, from your city, from maybe your background – or maybe not and then you learn even more. So, just enjoy those. Mostly people really [inaudible] fellows. I don't think so. It's a very welcome atmosphere, and obviously, apart from Siranush, we as staff are always here for you to talk about your region, about what's interesting for you in fellowship and in ICANN family.

I represent ICANN in eastern Europe and Central Asia. I'm based in Moscow, but that doesn't mean that you can't ask me anything beyond that regional specificity. So, welcome again, and enjoy.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you for coming, Alexandra. Let's continue with Wednesday. So, we have our daily session with a very interesting topic on conflict

resolution. This will be a very interesting session, how in the context of ICANN, so please be there. But, during the entire day, there are other sessions, so please go and find your place.

We have Gala Dinner that day which will be here in this venue, so there will be no outdoor. We will not be going anywhere. But, the gala ticket will be given in the host booth, you know the space for booth. The second floor right before coming here. They will be giving on Monday and Tuesday the gala ticket, so make sure – whoever went there and find out that tickets are there, send an e-mail to our mailing list and say, “Hey guys, the tickets are there, so go and take your tickets.” Everybody should need to have their ticket invitation because we will be having security there who might not let you in if you don’t have the invitation and your badge with you. This is very important, you to wear your badges the entire week because it’s important for the security purposes first, and for you to introduce people because many people cannot remember your name, but they will for sure remember your face. But, with the face, put next to your name, it is important, so always wear your badges.

And on the last day, we’ll be having a very nice guest during our fellowship session. ICANN CEO and President will be here and you can ask him whatever you would like to ask him during the session with him. He might come a bit ... We might change a bit the timing. He might come at 12:30, but we will use before that wrapping up the entire week.

There are two public forums during the week, so make sure to be there because they are mandatory for all fellows. Public forum is the place

where the community is asking questions to ICANN executive team, to ICANN board. So, please be there. Come and see. For the first public forum, I will request or suggest you're just hear how is the process going on. You will hear how the questions are formed. You will learn. If you have something to say, write it down. Have a written format, like in computers, in notebooks, anywhere. And during the second public forum, which will be on the last day, it will be the longer one. If you have something to say to the point within ICANN mission, go and take the mic and say what you want to say. Feel comfortable talking to people. That's why the first public forum I will encourage you not to go for the mic just for the sake of going to the mic. Just learn. Give the time to yourselves to learn how it works. This is very important.

Welcome, Omar. You are late. This is alumni. You see how they behave.

So, on that day, we have very important two sessions. Firstly, I want to congratulate ICANN and then you being a part of celebration of ICANN 20 years. So, on the last day, we'll be having a session, ICANN 20 years in Room 111-112. This will be followed up by a cocktail party, so please be there. Please learn about the history of ICANN during the last 20 years and enjoy being a part of celebration of 20 years of this great organization. Yes?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE:

One thing that you should be aware of that you can do on your own time, if any of you have not gone to the history project part of the ICANN site and you're curious about how ICANN got off the ground, and frankly almost didn't succeed – ICANN almost didn't make it past the

experiment stage – there’s some interesting conversations with people. US President Clinton’s senior advisor, who is considered the father of ICANN, who kind of made ICANN work, there’s a fascinating interview with him on there talking about what he had to do to get ICANN off the ground. It’s something you can watch at your leisure. You probably don’t want to watch all the video interviews, but you can choose and pick ones that interest you. But I think there’s some good stuff on there.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you. Yes. History project is the place to learn about more. I will talk about this on the last day more, but we are changing the approach, so this will be new for alumni as well. There will be no follow-up report to be submitted, but there will be a survey where we will be asking you specific questions. Now you will have those pens and notebooks where I want you to write down what kind of information you are going to collect during the entire week because these questions will be in the survey which you will be filling in within two weeks after this meeting. And for these two weeks, it will be difficult to count those statistics, but you will be asked. So, please, take a note. How many hours of sessions did you attend? Please put the numbers in there. Yes, you can use the digital ... No one likes the notebooks and pens, huh? Yes, I see. We are in digital world.

Then, daily sessions. You should be writing what ... You should be listing, actually, what the sessions you have attended. How many working group sessions did you attend? In the agenda, there are working groups and there are sessions, so you will know the difference.

Then, you will list those working groups. There will be special questions for fellows and there will be special questions for mentors. So, what on-site activities did you carry on with fellows as part of the mentorship process? This will be for mentors to respond. And what are the takeaways from this meeting? There will be an essay part for you to write in. So, these are important things for you to keep in mind and count during the entire week, not have troubles with the numbers at the end. Of course, you have mic. Yes, please.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: What do you mean by essay? Essay in the traditional way of doing an essay or maybe it's just a reflection about how did we feel about the fellowship and what did we learn?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Excellent. It's not an essay as it is. It's a reflection of what you have learned, what worked, what didn't work, and what you would like to change for future. Your reflection on the fellowship program.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Okay. And how long it should be approximately?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: There is a limit of 1,000 words, I guess, or 500.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Okay, like two pages.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: No, no, no. It shouldn't be two pages. It can be one paragraph but to the point. We don't need you to write life stories. Absolutely no need. "We went this day to the GEMs party. We had drinks with these people." No. We don't need that. Don't put this in the report. I know this will be very exciting part of your experience as well and one of the key takeaways as well, but be to the point. So, the essay in [inaudible]. Yes, please?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Hi, I'm [Mili]. I'm a first-time fellow. My question is: is it mandatory for us to attend at least one working group session or it's an optional question?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: It's mandatory question but you can put zero because you didn't attend any working group sessions. This is a good question in the sense that if you have time to go to participate in at least one working group session, you will learn how the working group works because the structure here is in the way that everything is being done through working groups, so you need to join to the working group in order to provide some input. So, please take the time also to go and participate, to learn the working group.

First thing for you. If you go to any session, please introduce yourselves. When you take the mic – I like the way how [Mili] did that. You just named you. You just say who you are. Your affiliation: "I'm ICANN 63 fellow but I will speak on my own capacity." Make sure you introduce

yourselves as a fellow. People should know that you are ICANN 63 fellow. But you can speak on your own capacity. But make sure that you introduce yourselves. People may not remember your name from the first time, but they will start remembering it whenever you repeat.

So, be clear. When I say Siranush, many people cannot spell it, even. But, if I tell many times, people start remembering. “Okay, there was some crazy lady who was talking too much.” But then, they will identify at least with the face. By time, they will start to learn the names. So, state your name just whenever you go for mic and introduce as ICANN fellows.

So, these are the important things for you to remember to respond in your survey. Yes, please?

THANH NGUYEN VAN:

Hello, everyone. I am Thanh, ICANN fellow. I have a question about the format of report. Have any specific form of report or freestyle?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

It will be a survey. Some questions will be providing you the way to fill in, to write in, with all the instructions there. So, there will be also the questions with the scale explaining. So, from one to ten we will need to select. So, it’s survey like all types of surveys there. For the essay, there is no template. This is your own reflection of whatever you have learned. Any questions with the report? So, this relates to both fellows, first-timers, newcomers, and the alumni. So, we are not going to do the post-meeting report, but whenever you fill in your survey, this will be

your second half of the stipend will be approved and you will get your certificate a bit later. So, make sure you are there.

We are also piloting this time a new class report, the general fellowship class report. Many of those questions on takeaways ... The impression about the entire week will be there, from on behalf of the whole group. I will assign a couple of mentors this time, the coaches, who will be coming to you and asking more questions or sending out the information asking you to provide input because we are going to publish that class report publicly on ICANN website. This will be a report coming from ICANN 63 fellows. The daily takeaways, the general, the entire program, how it worked for you and what are the benefits of the program, what are the challenges of the program. This is a new type which we are piloting and I will be coming back with more information to our mentors and to all of you on our last day, but I will ... Please, I will request our alumni, every single person, to reflect with their teams the entire process of your participation during the week. So, this will help at the end to collaboratively write this class ... Class, I mean the grade, the school class, the class report, which will be I hope the class report as well. Super class report. So, I will be coming back with that, but please keep in mind that we will be writing that type of report from now on.

With that, any questions? Yes, Oliana, please.

OLIANA SULA:

It's Oliana. I didn't introduce myself – sorry – at the beginning. I have one question about this class report.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Mic. Talk to mic.

OLIANA SULA: I have one question about this class report. For the logic, as I see me, the class report. I guess that it will be based on survey, basically, and the essays that we will submit or it's something not really related to that because it changes a bit the perspective of the report itself.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: It will be based on that. Some of the questions will be reflection of that, but there will be also ... There might be another ... So, the alumni who at this stage will be responsible for that report, they may come get back to all of you and ask more questions during the two weeks after the meeting. There will be specific questions there. We are now in the process of finalizing this class report, so there will be specific questions on daily basis, but the entire statistics will come out of your surveys, individual surveys.

OLIANA SULA: And it will be written by alumni, basically. It's not us that ...

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: No, it will be written in the group. So, all of you should provide input.

OLIANA SULA: [inaudible] because this was a bit unclear to me.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes. Everybody should provide input. Everybody. It is a group work, a group report. It's a class report.

OLIANA SULA: We are a very big group and from my experience with dealing with classes in my daily life, I know that it's not very productive to write. I mean, everyone can give input, of course—

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Think positively. We will pilot this and see.

OLIANA SULA: But someone ... I mean—

ADETOLA SOGBESAN: Can I please provide an answer?

OLIANA SULA: We should use to some kind of coordinator or something like that, that collects the information and then someone who writes and edits it because it's a bit difficult.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Oliana, you might be the one who could take care of this. Don't worry. We'll make you work. Don't worry. Yes, Adetola?

ADETOLA SOGBESAN: Okay. I just wanted to say to her that individual reports, to some extent, is to give feedback to the organizer that you actually came and you report. That guarantees your certificate you are going to obtain. But, the group one, it's a pilot. So, ICANN wants to see the effect of the bond that we all have. It's not about storytelling, so to speak. It's just an aggregate, that there is a group that is existing, and over the years, could be in two or three years, the impact of that group will now be measured again. So, it's different from an individual report and it's not expected to form a thesis of 20-30 pages. It's just an aggregate that we work as a team, that we're together, we attended different programs, but we still remain as a bond, as a unit.

So, the objective is not whether some of us are going to [inaudible]. The pessimism of whether it's not going to work should be set aside and let's see how it's going to work.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Excellent explanation, Adetola. It's exactly that point. It's exactly the point. Actually, your individual surveys will be seen by the team, by me and ICANN public responsibility team. The class report will be published publicly on the website. This will be seen by ICANN community and they would like to know why we are spending so much money to bring these people here. Of course. So, but this should be a

real reflection of that. The community wants to know. These 45 people who we pay thousands of dollars, why we should keep continuing bringing those people, why we need these new people here. We want to know. The community wants to know. And this is you who should show them why you are important to this community. So, we are piloting this for the first time. We'll see how it works and we will be open for any improvement, any suggestions, for future. That's why, for this round, I will request our mentors, coaches, to lead the process. But then we are thinking of going. First-time fellow, you should go into this process right there. Yes, Mili?

MILI SEMLANI:

So, I have a little suggestion. I think it's a great idea, this class report pilot. And to us, to say, to Oliana's concern, because it's going to be published publicly, we could probably have little acknowledgements right at the end of the report for all the people who contributed.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Absolutely.

MILI SEMLANI:

She's right. Obviously, in a big group, there are people who do. Some don't. We've seen that in community projects that we all work with. So, if you have a little acknowledgement, something like that, that's a little bit of an incentive for all of us to participate.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: I will give you the template. There are specific questions there and the acknowledgement is part of this report. So, I will give you the template. You will have it. Don't worry. Yes, please? You have a question over there? No? Yes, please?

RUDOLPH DANIEL: It's Rudy Daniel, ICANN fellow. You had mentioned the gala. I just wanted to tell you that I just received the tickets. The invitation will be available on Monday and Tuesday at booth number seven.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Excellent. Booth number seven. This is good tip. Whenever you learn something, share with the others.

RUDOLPH DANIEL: So, that's Monday and Tuesday.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Monday and Tuesday, booth seven. So, one thing I want to highlight today as well, we will be talking about this tomorrow. But, we have ICANN information booth on the first floor, the place where this a registration. Right when you enter to this hall, it's on your left side like this. There is an ICANN information booth and we have two alumni of the program who are leading, Amrita and Claudia. Claudia is just arriving. Amrita is over there. I would highly recommend everybody go and introduce and ask questions. Find out more. So, please, we will be having our alumni helping out within the booth, so go and learn. There

are nice gifts there. There are nice games there, so participate. And with that, I also would like to introduce my colleague, who is actually leading the information booth and the Next Gen program, Deborah.

DEBORAH ESCALERA:

Hi, there. I'm Deborah Escalera. I manage the Next Gen Program and Newcomer Program along with Siranush and the information booth. We're going to have some good speakers coming to the information booth this week, so you want to make sure to head over there and take in the wealth of information that they have to offer you. So, make sure you take advantage of that. We'll be tweeting out during the time that they'll be visiting the booth. So, keep an eye out for that.

Also, whenever you have questions, please go to the information booth. If you need to find Siranush during the meeting and you don't know where she is, go to the information booth because the booth leads can Skype her. So, you can always keep track of her. I tell the same thing to my Next Gen. If they need me, if they have a question, if they can find me, they can ask the booth leads to find me. So, that's your central hub.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thanks, Deborah. Thanks for coming. With that, we have only 25, about 30 minutes to finish this session, after which I will ask my alumni to help me with giving out some gifts for you. So, this is fellows only gifts. Don't give it out to anyone else because it's specified that it's ICANN fellow.

With that, I would like, start from there or there, wherever you want. Just say your name. Say who you are, where are you from, just very

quick. One minute, 30 seconds, each. I know that we will not remember all the names. It's hard. That's why, please, wear your badges and I will also give you ... You will get the pins fellow in the information booth. Go and take your pins and keep it all the time. Michael, let's start from you.

MICHAEL ILLISHEBO: Good morning, everyone. My name is Michael Illishebo. I'm a returning fellow or a coach from Zambia.

MILI SEMLANI: Hello, everyone. I'm Mili from India. I'm a first-time fellow and I've been part of Next Gen and the Youth Mission at ICANN before. Thank you.

SHAILA SHARMIN: Hi. Good morning, everyone. I'm Shaila from Bangladesh. I'm a first-time fellow in ICANN and this is my very first meeting. I'm working as a network engineer in Bangladesh and I will get to know you, everyone, more. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome, Shaila. So nice you made it, finally.

VIOLET ROSE NINGKUN: Hello, everyone. My name is Violet. I'm from Papua New Guinea. This is my second time as a fellow and I'm really glad to see you guys around. Thank you.

MATTHIAS HUDOBNIK: Hello, everybody. My name is Matthias and I'm coming from Austria. I am an [ex] Next Gen, Next Gen Ambassador. I'm also on the selection committee of the Next Gen program. I'm currently co-chair of the ALAC Subcommittee for Outreach and Engagement.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: What is ALAC?

MATTHIAS HUDOBNIK: It's like ...

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: At-Large Advisory Committee.

MATTHIAS HUDOBNIK: At-Large Advisory Committee. Yeah. It's for end users. If you're also interested to get more insights, just let me know. I'm very happy to give you some information about it. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome.

MOHAMMED YOUSIF: Hello. I'm Mohammed Yousif from Sudan. I represent the Internet Society Sudan Chapter and I also work for the government. [inaudible] the Middle East and adjoining country School on Internet Governance

and I'm responsible for the Internet Governance Program Committee at Sudan IGF and [inaudible] the African IGF. I'm coordinating with the African Union on the Internet governance issue. I hope to meet each of you in person and discuss more. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you. Rudy?

RUDOLPH DANIEL: Hi, my name is Rudy. I'm from the Caribbean, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. The last time I was at an ICANN meeting was the very first fellows meeting in San Juan in 2007.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Wow. ICANN 29.

RUDOLPH DANIEL: Yeah. So, it's good to be here second time around.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome back.

RUDOLPH DANIEL: Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: But you were a fellow ... You were not a fellow that time?

RUDOLPH DANIEL: I was a fellow.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: You were a fellow? Oh, cool. Welcome back.

OLIANA SULA: So, good morning again, everyone. My name is Oliana Sula. I come from Albania. I did the university. I did ethics of technology. I represent academia, but I'm also quite involved with Internet governance processes. In Albania, I have organized the Albanian IGF together with a colleague of mine and also I'm involved at the more south European level and also European level in IGF issues. It is my very, very first time at ICANN. I am totally a newcomer and I am keen to learn what is going on and I hope that it will be a nice learning experience.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: So, there is a newcomer and there is a total newcomer.

OLIANA SULA: Yes.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Okay. Ioana?

IOANA STUPARIU: Hi, everyone. I am Ioana. I am from Romania. I am not a first-time fellow. I'm a returning fellow and a coach as well this time, my first time. I am from academia and from civil society and I have a legal background and I'm very excited to meet all of you here.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you.

SANJA SIMONOVA: Hi, my name is Sanja. I come from Macedonia, a small country on the Balkans, working at ccTLD registry called MARnet at Macedonia, with a technical background first-time fellow.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: What is ccTLD? Country-code top-level domain. Okay. Welcome. Actually, these two ladies, Oliana and Sanja, they filled the fellowship since their first entry to this room to this building where I said, "Okay, I need your help. Take this box to our room, please," and these poor ladies were bringing that box here. Thank you, ladies.

LOUISE MARIE HUREL: Hi, everyone. My name is Louise Marie Hurel. I am originally from Brazil, but based in the UK. I am from academia. I work as researcher and project coordinator in a thinktank focused on cybersecurity. This is my first time as a fellow, but I've been engaged in ICANN. I am the European region representative for the executive committee of the Non-Commercial Users Constituency which is within the Non-Commercial

Stakeholder Group. So, really excited to be a first-time fellow. I look forward to getting to know all of you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Louise.

KRISTINA HAKOBYAN: Hello. Good morning, everybody. My name is Kristina. I am from Armenia. I am also a second-time fellow. As you said, alumni. Okay. So, my activity is domain registrations, so I'm very close to ccTLD. I'm happy to see everybody.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome back, Kristina. Jose Alberto?

JOSE ALBERTO RODRIGUEZ: Good morning. My name is Jose Alberto. I am from Cuba. I would like to express my many thanks to Siranush for all your help and support for helping to participate this first time in ICANN. I am 100% assured. It's the first time that [inaudible] can participate in the ICANN program fellowship and it's a pleasure and great opportunity to participate to this great organization.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you. Jose Alberto actually really welcome to ICANN because he was the guy who ... He was selected four or five meetings ago, but we couldn't bring him because Cuba has the issues with getting all the

documents in place, their embassies. So, it was hard, but with the fifth attempt, we managed to bring him here. With your example, we just wanted to welcome all those who are from Cuba to show that ICANN is inclusive. We want you to be a part of this. So, welcome. It's a real pleasure that we could succeed bringing you here. Thank you for coming.

VITOR DANIEL HORITA: Hello, everyone. My name is Vitor. I'm from Brazil. I work in ... My activity is in privacy sector. I am working in ISPCP in Brazil.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: ISPCP, this was the one which was not clear to anyone. So, he's a lawyer, right?

VITOR DANIEL HORITA: No, no, engineer.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Engineer in the intellectual—

VITOR DANIEL HORITA: Telecommunications.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Telecommunications.

VITOR DANIEL HORITA: That's it.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: The hard name.

VARSHA SEWLAL: Good morning, everybody. My name is Varsha. I'm from South Africa. I'm a lawyer and I'm a second-time fellow. I'm really grateful for that. I'm a doctoral student. My research deals with ICT regulation as a tool for development in emerging economies and I'm passionate about the Internet and development. I look forward to engaging with each of you and getting to know you better. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome back, Varsha. Good to see you.

KANAAN NGUTU: Good morning, everyone. My name is Kanaan. I am from Kiribati. I know most of you do not know where is Kiribati. It is a secret country. But, Google of course knows it, so you can search it. This is my second time as a fellow and I'm really glad to be here again and looking forward to learn more. I'm working with government, but I also see myself as an end user. So, that's it. Thanks.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome back, Kanaan.

LILIAN IVETTE BRUGES: Hello, everyone. My name is Lilian. I am from Colombia. I am Caribbean coast Colombia. It is my second time. My first time in San Juan, Puerto Rico. I am fellow Global Indigenous Ambassador Program. I work the Colombian government and [inaudible] computer security company. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you. Welcome back, Lilian. Yes, please?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: My name is [Yanoosh]. I am originally from Hungary, but I am trying to fight my way through my PhD which is in electrical and computer engineering. My interest is in domain registration abuse and cybercrime.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Good luck with your fight.

MICHAEL CASADEVALL: My name is Michael Casadevall. I'm a fellow for the Internet Corporation of Assigned Names and Numbers, since no one has actually said the acronym. I am currently working on the policies for generic top-level domains as well as getting involved with the Generic Names Supporting Organization. I am an independent freelancer. I also work within the

Internet technical community both in security conferences as well as with the Internet Engineering Taskforce from time to time.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Very serious. You saw that, right? Ask him questions. Welcome, Michael.

MICHAEL CASADEVALL: Thank you.

ALFREDO CALDERON: Hola. Buenos Dias. Good morning. I'm Alfredo Calderon from Puerto Rico. Three-time fellow. I'm also nominated from the At-Large Advisory Committee as the representative in the new selection fellowship committee. Welcome.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Alfredo. He was nominated from his own community to be a part of ICANN fellowship selection committee. So, starting from ICANN 65, he will be the one who will be selecting fellows during the selection, along with other representatives. So, welcome on board, Alfredo. It's nice to see you be in that new role. Our only single mentor.

ADETOLA SOGBESAN: Good morning, friends. Adetola is my name. I'm a first-time fellow.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: He's kidding.

ADETOLA SOGBESAN: That was in Marrakech. That was ICANN 55, but now I'm a returning fellow. I think it should be the fourth fellowship I attended. I attended the first one and from the second to fourth I've been a coach and I'm happy to be here without anybody, but I'm hoping to ...

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Can you tell us one tip how you could make that all your three mentees couldn't get their visas? Any tips?

ADETOLA SOGBESAN: Siranush, [inaudible]. I'm going to say it. She would always been bombarding coaches to make sure you coach your people and I look at it. I don't want to coach anybody. What do I need to do? I just talk in Spanish and everybody ... I said please make sure these guys don't come. Anyway, it was a big disappointment. The three of them had their [inaudible]. ICANN later brought [inaudible] who was said not to be recognized by the embassy. It's so surprising.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yeah. It happens.

ADETOLA SOGBESAN: Because it is the same letter all of us use and the embassy said they don't recognize the letter, so it's very [inaudible]. But, I'm here. I'm here to [inaudible]. I'm from Nigeria and I am in Business Constituency.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: BC, Business Constituency.

ADETOLA SOGBESAN: So, it's a pleasure.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome, Adetola.

ADETOLA SOGBESAN: Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: So, use him. He is alone on his own way. I also would like to note that one of our coaches couldn't make it, [Manmeet] from India. So, the ladies who are left without the coach, don't feel frustrated because Fahd is there. He left already? Yeah. He left. But, I hope that you had a chance already to meet him. Fahd will help you with all the works here at the meeting. You will have a great coach on-site. But, we'll miss [Manmeet]. Okay?

JEAN NAHUM CONSTANT: Hello. Good morning, everyone. My name is Jean Nahum Constant. I pronounce it like it is a French name, actually.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Can we call you Jean?

JEAN NAHUM CONSTANT: Yeah, exactly. Jean. Nahum is better.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Nahum?

JEAN NAHUM CONSTANT: Yeah.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: So, you prefer Jean or Nahum?

JEAN NAHUM CONSTANT: Nahum.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Okay, Nahum.

JEAN NAHUM CONSTANT: Okay. I come from Haiti. I work as a technical manager and a ccTLD, the country-code top-level domain, of Haiti. Part of LACTLD, Latin American

and Caribbean Top-Level Domain, is a part of the ccNSO, Country Code Names Supporting Organization. It is my first-time fellow and I am very happy to be here. I'm grateful because every part of ICANN is engaged to get me here. Every people, like Siranush, and Joseph. Every department gives me support, money, ticket, authorization, all the things to be here. I'm very thankful about it. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Very warm welcome. Thank you.

JINHE LIU: Hi, everyone. My name is Jinhe. I come from China. Now I am a PhD candidate in [inaudible] University based in Beijing and it's my second time in ICANN but it's my first time in the fellowship program. My research is about the private sector in Internet governance. I'm looking forward to learn with you and with ICANN and I'm so grateful to be here. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: We have ten minutes left, so please, take the floor quick because we need people to introduce over here as well.

KATERYNA OLIINYK: I will be very short. Good morning, everyone. My name is Kateryna. I am the coach this time. Thank you. It's very nice. Although I'm an alumni, as Siranush said, each meeting there is something new and something

encouraging to investigate further and deeper into the Internet governance.

MIKHAIL KOMAROV:

Hello, everybody. My name is Mikhail Komarov. I am from Moscow, Russia. I am a professor of National Research University [inaudible] economics. No acronyms, right? It's my second time here. I'm extremely happy I've been selected to participate at this great event, I would say. Second time with some special celebration. First time was farewell party for ex-CEO. This time, 20 anniversary of ICANN which is really great. But my actually main focus, as I am head [master] program in [e-business] and industry [inaudible] studies, I would love to know or develop problem of blocking, sharing responsibility of blocking through either DNS or companies because we face it in Russia this year. So, probably during the coffee break, I can share some interesting—

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Yes. Don't drink coffee with this guy. Welcome back, Mikhail.

CARLOS LEAL:

Hello, everyone. My name is Carlos Leal. I'm from Nicaragua. I teach at the university, but I am also a member of the local chapter of Internet Society. This is my very first meeting.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Welcome, Carlos. Welcome on board.

CARLOS LEAL: Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: It's so nice to see you.

HASHIM NOUMAN: Hello, everyone. This is Hashim from Pakistan. I am a network architect by profession. This is my second ICANN meeting. My first one was in ICANN 55 Morocco. I wish this time the sessions make more sense to me than last.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome back.

THANH NGUYEN VAN: Good morning, everyone. I am Thanh Van from Vietnam. I have a [inaudible]. First, I am government officer in Vietnam and now I live in Korea because I am doing PhD in Korea as my main topic is Internet governance and security. Actually, it's my first time to [apply] ICANN meeting. I was selected last time, but I ...

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: He didn't get visa last time.

THANH NGUYEN VAN: Yeah, [inaudible] very warm environment between the family, so I'm very happy to be here. I want to say happy birthday to Siranush because last time I only saw you in Facebook.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: It was two days ago.

THANH NGUYEN VAN: You can't hide it. It's not too late.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yeah. I know this Facebook is gossiping.

THANH NGUYEN VAN: Siranush, I have one question, a smart question, so I can ask now or wait.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: You can ask, but quick. Or you can ask after this, if you want.

THANH NGUYEN VAN: No, no, very small. I want to know the slogan of ICANN meeting 63. Do we have any slogan?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Slogan? We have one slogan for every ICANN meeting. Once a fellow, always a fellow. This is our slogan.

THANH NGUYEN VAN: Okay, thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Okay. Welcome.

RADHIKA CHERIE LAGAKALI: Good morning. My name is Cherie. I am from Fiji. I'm a first-time fellow but this is my second ICANN meeting. I attended ICANN 60 in Abu Dhabi as an Asia-Pacific rep. All the other acronyms flow at the top of my head, so I thought I needed to come back and attend, just to know what all this is about. I'm very keen to learn and it's been very interesting 12 months for me just in the area of Asia-Pacific regional IGF and Internet governance and also in end users for ICANN. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome to the Fellowship Program.

MIOPONE MHLEKWA: Good morning, everyone. My name is Miopone Mhleka. I'm from Lesotho. I work for the government. I'm a first-time fellow but this is my second meeting. I attended the ICANN meeting in Johannesburg. I think it was ICANN 59. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome.

MOHAMED ABUABED: Hello. My name is Mohamed Abuabed. You can call me More or Abed, whatever you like. I'm originally from Palestine. I'm based in Saudi Arabia. I am working in Internet Service Provider. I'm handling the IP version 6 transformation there and the DNS and DNSSEC. Thank you. And first time fellowship, second ICANN meeting.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome to the fellowship.

AHMAD ALSADEH: Good morning, everybody. My name is Ahmad Alsadeh. I am originally from Palestine and I live in Palestine. I come from academia, so mainly I'm [inaudible] teaching [inaudible] network security. I also [inaudible] with ISOC Palestine chapter, so I'm interested in also Internet governance topics and the Internet Society. This is the second meeting with the ICANN, but this is the first one as a fellow. The one that I attended in ICANN 60 [inaudible] presenter for ISOC Palestine chapter in APRALO, Asia-Pacific Regional At-Large Organization.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Good to see you. [inaudible]?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I am [inaudible] working for the [inaudible] of Egypt as a [inaudible] manager of the [inaudible] ccTLD. This is my second time as a coach.

Also, I am DNS and DNS trainer at DNS [inaudible] in Egypt. I am a member at IDN group here and a member of Universal Acceptance Steering Group and recently I nominated as a young ambassador for universal acceptance and recently also I engaged with ccNSO in [inaudible]. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you. And I would like to thank particularly three people who are representatives from our community who are actually alumni of the program. [inaudible] and I will give the floor now next one to Martin, and the third one, [Stanley], who the three were not part of this funded ICANN 63 fellowship but they expressed their willingness as always to help with the coaching process. So, I would like particularly to thank you, three of you, being part of this group. And then my thanks will go further.

MARTIN SILVA: Hello. I am Martin Silva from Argentina. As Siranush said, I am an alumni and I stopped volunteering a long time ago, but she just keeps volunteering for me. It's not true I keep coming back. She's making me coming back.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Guilty.

MARTIN SILVA: Anyway, it's a pleasure to be here in the fellowship. I love it. I love this place. People think we exaggerate when we tend to see ourselves as family, but it is true. After a whole week, you do create bonds and then people come back and you see each other. It does become a family-like sort of bond. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: This group of people also [inaudible] part of the fellowship.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Hi, nice to meet you. My name is [Douglas Fuentes]. I am from Guatemala. I work in the superintendent of telecommunications. I work to the government.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thank you.

VALENTINA STANIC: Hi, everyone. My name is Valentina, but you can call me Val. I am coming from Moldova. I am a first-time fellow. Nevertheless, when I was applying, I should confess I was a kind of alternate GAC representative, so I was applying as part of a government. But I am going through the process of switching hats, moving into public-private partnerships, so

everyone who would want to share something with me that can be valuable in my switch [inaudible] I would be really grateful. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome.

SALVADOR CAMACHO: Hello, everyone. My name is Salvador Camacho. I am from Mexico. I am an attorney, domain names attorney, intellectual property. I am alumni. It's my first time as coach, so feel free to ask me any questions. I can help you. What else? Well, I'm a member of the Intellectual Property Constituency.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Camacho. Can I ask all our coaches for this round to stand up? I think we all should applause these guys for their hard work during the last two months for preparing our mentees, as we call them, our newcomers and some alumni to be here, and help you with the integration, with better, proper integration. Thank you, guys. And just know the faces. These are the guys who can help you anytime, anywhere, for any reason, and without any reason. These are he people. With that, I also would like to introduce some alumni who are here as a part of ICANN 63 fellow and not as a part of ICANN 63 fellow but whom you also can go and ask questions. So, they are here to help you. Please, can you introduce yourselves? Then I will ask you to introduce as guests. You can talk. Talk.

OMAR ANSARI: My name is Omar Ansari and I'm from the United States of Afghanistan. My first ICANN was 2014 in Los Angeles. It was a great experience. Every ICANN is a great experience. I learn a lot and I make connections, friends, and be deeper involvement in ICANN. So, that's an opportunity. I'm in the ICANN Business Constituency. I run business in Afghanistan. I'm on the Business Outreach Committee. And a part from ICANN, I'm also very involved with the IGF where I go almost every year and [inaudible] [MAG] member as well.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome. He's the guy who got his visa like yesterday, literally.

OMAR ANSARI: So, I have been under Siranush's wings for quite some time. I've been learning from her. Adetola, I'm going to adopt him because his mentees didn't come, or coachees, or he will adopt me.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Use, him but do not abuse him, please.

OMAR ANSARI: Okay. Of course.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you. Yes, please?

OPETAIA SIMATI: Sorry, I came in late. I'm actually part of the ICANN fellowship.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Opeteia, yeah. Welcome.

OPETAIA SIMATI: I am from Tuvalu and I work with ...

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Tuvalu, this is Pacific Islands.

OPETAIA SIMATI: Tuvalu, tiny dot on the map. You have to zoom in with Google Maps. We have dot-tv and part of coming here is following the minister to some meetings with Verisign and that. I've been first-time ICANN fellow, but this is my second ICANN meeting. First one I went to was the one in Wellington I think before ICANN was numbered like this. That was back in 2006. Thank you, Siranush. I look forward to this week.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Opeteia, for being with us. Actually, we are a very diverse group. We are 41 fellows from 37 countries. So, I think this is impressive. The diversity we just show here already in the introduction. Yes, please?

[MARIA HARRISON]: Hi. My name is [Maria Harrison]. I am not an ICANN fellow. I am actually a GAC fellow and I walked in the round room.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: GAC?

[MARIA HARRISON]: Government Advisory Council. Of course, I'm a newcomer, that's why I walked in this room.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome, welcome.

[MARIA HARRISON]: There's another meeting, I'm going to learn that as well what I'm supposed to be doing here. So, thank you for letting me listen in. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes. Please come to Newcomers' Day tomorrow, newcomer session tomorrow, the whole day. You will be hearing more about the ICANN multi-stakeholder model. So, welcome to fellowship.

[MARIA HARRISON]: Thank you. Oh, and I'm from Liberia, sorry. West Africa.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Excellent. Lovely to meet you. [Alexandro]?

[ALEXANDRO]: Hello, I'm [Alexandro] [inaudible] from Russian Federation and now I am not a part of fellowship program. I am attending.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: You are not a part of ICANN 63 fellowship program. Be specific because you are a part of the fellowship program.

[ALEXANDRO]: Sorry, Siranush. For sure. I am fellowship alumni. Let me give a little advice to you, as active fellowship. To advices. First of all, build your communications, build your contacts and some [inaudible]. Everyone is really friendly and you have outstanding opportunity to build your contacts not just inside your country and not just inside your community, but understand who can you contact outside. My second ... Well, I ask you all, do not forget to share your contacts with your local community, with you local country, because you have great opportunity to participate in this meeting, but let others know everything that you will get here. So, please, spread fellowship knowledge all over the world.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, [Alexandro], for being with us. Please?

[KATRINA]: Hello. My name is [Katrina]. I am from Armenia. Not a fellow but this is my first meeting and I'm looking forward to learn a lot about ICANN and to get new friends here. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome. Okay. So, one more time. Welcome on board. Welcome to ICANN Fellowship Program. And welcome to ICANN. I'm sure you will enjoy the entire week. I am always here to help you with. There is another alumni whom I want to give the mic to introduce himself. [Sasha], please come here.

[SASHA]: Good morning to everyone. So, it is another chance to meet all of you fellows who I don't miss any chance when I am at ICANN meetings to participate on those first fellowship introductions. My name is [Sasha Dmitrios]. I've been long time since 2011 in this ICANN community. I started as a fellow. I'm glad that so many newcomers and so many new faces came from this really wonderful organization as a fellowship program. Once again, thanks for the fellowship program and to Siranush. She's really giving herself in this and I hope that it will stay longer here.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you. Thank you for being with us. He is a very good friend of mine. Outside of this fellowship, we are becoming also friends in our real lives back in our countries. This is the appreciation which I always have for

the fellowship program which gave this opportunity to all of us. Thanks for being with us. Welcome! Welcome.

I will request a couple of my alumni to help with some gifts to you. Please. We have some T-shirts for boys and girls which says “ICANN Fellows” in front and then we have “Fellows Rock This World”. So, these T-shirts are for you. I love this when I say I need the help and they are all here standing. So, we have the hats also. I am telling you what you should give to every person. So, ICANN fellow. Those who have this, don’t come and take another one. It’s one for the newcomers. This is the hat for ICANN fellows we have here. You can start.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: We give them one hat.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes. You give them one hat, one T-shirt, one this tiny thing. Let me take this here. The meeting is adjourned, so please close the remote participation. What else do we have here? What else?

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